February 2021 Board Report

Middle School Network

We now have wireless throughout the building. There is still some cleanup work to do as we are waiting on Systems Northwest (SN) to install ceiling mount cable the old 7th grade pod so that we can ceiling mount their access points. SN is waiting on parts to finish this piece of the project. Telephones have also been installed in several classrooms with a few more left to install and name.

Internet For Students -

At this time, we currently have 622 Verizon Jet Packs distributed to students. We have started managing more of the jet packs so that only district devices will connect to them. This does mean families may have been using jetpacks for other devices in the household but with the This is important since we are required to filter all internet access students have access to under e-rate rules/regulations. We have filter controls on the iPads, but not on the jetpacks. By only allowing district devices to connect to the iPads we meet our filtering requirements for e-rate.

E-Rate 2021-22

The e-rate process continues for 2021-22 school year. We have received bids for our category 2 rewiring projects Our next step is to evaluate those bids and submit them to USAC for approval. If all goes well we will know if the project has been approved by mid-April with scheduling of wiring projects to start on or after July 1.

Category 1 is our internet to the world and wide area network connectivity between the schools. While the bidding window has closed we are still waiting for bids from local vendors.

Support Challenge

We continue to support everyone the best we know how but does consume a considerable amount of time each day getting through our help desk tickets from users.